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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/ Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**RE: Public Service Commission of South Carolina – Administrative and
Procedural Matters
Docket Number: 2005-83-A**

**Follow-Up Comments on Proposed Procedural Schedules and Request for
Additional Time to Finalize Proposed Schedule**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) (together the “Companies”) respectfully submit these joint follow-up comments as promised during the May 18, 2022 Forum held at the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”). Again, the Companies appreciate the opportunity to share their views to assist the Commission in developing a procedural schedule for the annual fuel proceedings that will promote efficiency and fairness for all parties to these dockets.

At the outset, the Companies reiterate their comments filed on May 12, 2022. The Companies respectfully believe that, as a practical matter, they would be unable to comply with the current proposed schedules. Basing proposed rates on a forecast performed 30 days prior to direct testimony and filing direct testimony only 4 or 6 days after the rates team receives the fuels forecast creates an unworkable situation. Nevertheless, the Companies fully recognize and appreciate that the Commission needs sufficient time to consider and rule on the matters presented in the annual fuel proceedings, which have become increasingly complex in recent years.

To that end, during the forum, you asked whether it would be possible to push out the rate effective dates for DEC and DEP to allow the Companies more time in the schedule. After reviewing the applicable authorities, the Companies believe this is possible. Because moving the rate effective date will not interfere with the Companies’ ability to recover their annual costs, the adjustment is consistent with the fuel statute. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865(B).

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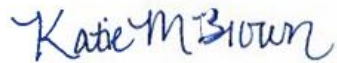
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However, as the Companies believe the rate effective date can be extended, other tweaks to the existing schedule may be necessary to address logistical issues presented by certain deadlines. The Companies intend to reach out to the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) to discuss a proposed schedule that is workable from both the Companies’ and ORS’s perspective. Accordingly, the Companies respectfully request an additional two weeks to finalize the proposed schedules before they are presented to the Commission for formal action.

The Companies greatly appreciate the Commission’s time and efforts in trying to formulate future fuel procedural schedules. Further, the Companies appreciate the opportunity to offer their input on scheduling matters related to these important proceedings.

Sincerely,



Katie M. Brown

cc: Parties of Record